LIBRARY

The Urban District Council of Carnforth.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF

HEALTH

FOR THE

Year ended 31st December 1943.

Carnforth :
F. MAYOH, Bk. Market Street.

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2017 with funding from
Wellcome Library

https://archive.org/details/b29093363

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 14 (3) of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1926, I beg to present to you my ANNUAL REPORT, for 1943, as Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District.

This is an Ordinary Report, and is on the lines indicated in Circular 10/44 of the Ministry of Health, dated 15/2/44.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES A. TOMB,
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H

1944.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

Medical :

JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health

Others :

FRED HOLT, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., Sanitary Inspector (part time).

(Information relating to the Area and the circumstances of the year).

General Statistics.

Area	1,504 Acres
Population (Census 1931), 3,193. 1943 ...	3,092
Number of Inhabited Houses end of 1942 according to Rate Book	944
Rateable Value	£16,209
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£64

Social Conditions, Including The Chief Occupations Of The Inhabitants.

The social conditions are very satisfactory. The inhabitants are Railway and Rural workers.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the year.

		Total	M	F
Live Births	Legitimate	48	30	18
	Illegitimate	2	—	2
	Total ...	50	30	20
Still Births		1	—	1
Deaths		46	22	24

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 16.1

Rate per 1,000. 16.4
(live & still) Births ... —

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 14.8

Deaths from Puerperal causes—

	Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 Total (live & still) Births.
Puerperal Sepsis... ...	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes...	—	—
Total	—	—

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age : —

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births 120

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births 125

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births ... ...

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 6

,, ,, Measles ,, ... —

,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ... ... —

,, ,, Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) ... —

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1943.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths (The number of deaths classified should agree with the total supplied by the Registrar General)			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
1—5			1	1				
5—10								1
10—15				1				
15—20								
20—25								
25—35								
35—45								
45—55	1							
Totals	1		1	2	—	—	—	1
	1		3		—		1	

Causes of Death.

	Male	Female
Cancer	2	4
Digestive Diseases	1	
Heart Disease	4	
Other Diseases of Circ. System ...	1	
Influenza	1	1
Bronchitis ...	1	
Other Recpiratory Diseases ...	1	
Ac. Inf. Enceph.	1	
Ac: & Chr - Nephritis	1	
Premature Birth	4	1
Conjenital Mal. Birth	1	
Violent Causes	1	1
Intra-cannial Vascular Lesions ...	2	9
All other causes	2	7
Total...	22	23

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1943.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.													Hospital.	
	Total Cases All Ages	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 & over	Total Deaths	Total Cases Removed to Hospital from the District.	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to District.
Scarlet Fever ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	
Diphtheria, (including Membranous Croup)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	1	
Measles	8		1	...	1	...	6	..	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Erysiplas		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...		...	...		
Puerperal Pyrexia ...		...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...		
Total...	11	...	1	...	1	...	8	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	

Disinfectants have been supplied in all cases.

7 houses have been fumigated.

Diptheria Immunisation.

Free Immunisation Sessions are held periodically for children up to 15 years, at the Lancashire County Council School Clinic.

No. of Children immunised during 1943:

1. Pre School Children ... 34
2. School Children 6

Children completely immunised to date:

1. Pre School 46%
2. School 58%

Prophylactic used ... ... A. P. T.

Supplied by the Bacterological Laboratory, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool.

Administered in two doses at monthly intervals.

The following table shows the position in regard to the number of children immunised against Diptheria since the beginning of the year 1941.

Persons innoculated each year from 1941—44.

Age in years on 31st Dec. of the corresponding year.	1941	1942	1943	Total innoculated under 5 years on 31/12/43
				100
Under 1	2	1	4	
1	16	12	19	
2	21	8	5	
3	22	6	2	
4	34	3	4	
5	27	3	6	Total innoculated aged 5—14 years on 31/12/43
6	36	2	—	
7	35	4	—	
8	42	1	—	
9	33	5	—	364
10	34	1	—	
11	33	3	—	
12	39	1	—	
13	38	—	—	
14	4	—	—	
15	—	—	—	Total innoculated aged 15 years and over on 31/12/43
Total each year ...	416	50	40	42
				Grand Total—506

Scabies.

The position as regards Scabies infestation, which threatened to become serious during 1941, has greatly improved during the year.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority.

Carnforth is one of the constituent authorities to the Lancaster and District Joint Hospital Board for Infectious Diseases.

Ambulance Facilities.

(*a*) For Infectious Cases.

Infectious Cases are removed to the Lancaster & District Joint Hospital in Motor Ambulance belonging to the said Hospital.

(*b*) For Non-Infectious & Accident Cases.

These cases are dealt with by the Police Ambulance owned by the Lancaster Corporation.

Summary (for reference) of Nursing Institutions available for the District.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

There are no Private Nursing Homes in the District from which Nurses can be obtained, the nearest being at Ulverston.

There is available a District Nurse, supplied by the Carnforth Nursing Association, a Voluntary Association, affiliated with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nursing. The District Nurse carries out the duties of District Midwife.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants & Homeless Children.

There is no special provision for these in the District.

The Lancashire County Council have provided a School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre at 21, Market Street, Carnforth.

Sewers & Sewage.

The Sewage from the main part of the District is disposed of by running into a settling tank, the liquid running into the river Keer which is a tidal stream. The sludge is used for agricultural purposes. Periodical flushing of all sewers is regularly carried out by means of emptying a ton of water from the water-cart through a twelve-inch valve down the manholes.

The whole of the built up area in the Crag Bank District is now sewered. The sewerage is dealt with by means of disposal plants consisting of screening chambers, settling tanks and filter beds.

The present state of the Closet accommodation in the district is as follows :

Privy Middens, No. of Middens	30
No. of Closets attached to these Middens ...	30
No. of Pail Closets	Nil
No. of Fresh Water Closets	830
No. of Waste Water Closets	46
No. of Dry Ashpits (excluding Middens) ...	1
No. of Moveable Ashbins for Refuse	875

Conversions during the year 1943 :

No. of Privy Closets to Fresh Water W.C.'s ...	Nil
No. of Privies, situate within the Council's present Sewage System	Nil
No. of Houses at which Moveable Ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles	Nil

The Council have decided to abolish all privy middens within the Council's present sewage scheme.

Scavenging.

The collection of House Refuse is carried out by the Council's own staff for the greater portion of the district, the outlying farmers, etc., dealing with their own refuse.

The Refuse is disposed of on the Tipping ground purchased for that purpose.

The number of receptacles emptied are :

	Dwelling Houses
Bins...	875
Ashpits	31
Total...	906

	Churches, Schools, Post Office, etc.
Bins	38
Ashpits	0
Total...	38

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of Premises Visited, 309.

Defects or Nuisances, number discovered, 69 ; number abated 65.

Number of Notices served (informal), 60.

Statutory, Nil

Legal proceedings, Nil.

Eradication of bed bugs.

No houses were found to be infested.

Factories & Workshops.

The different Factories & Workshops have been regularly inspected, and all are kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition, and answer the requirements of the Act.

Bakehouses.

There are 4 Bakehouses in the District, all are partly above ground, are properly ventilated and well kept.

The Workshops & Factories are as follow :

Bakers & Confectioners	4
Boot & Shoe Repairers	3
Blacksmiths	1
Coach Builders	2
Dressmakers, etc.	5
Gas Works	1
Printers	1
Saw-mill & Joinery works	2
Tar Macadam Works	1
Total...	20

Slaughterhouses.

There are 3 Slaughterhouses in the District, one being of modern construction, the remaining 2 being corrugated iron and wooden structures. Slaughtering for this district, for Meat Marketing Board, is carried out at Lancaster.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

The Dairies and Cowsheds have been inspected, and periodical lime-washing carried out.

Lodginghouses.

There is no common lodginghouse in the district.

Schools.

The Sanitary condition and Water Supply of the Public Elementary Schools are good.

4.—Housing.

(a) Statistics.

Number Of New Houses Erected During The Year:

(a)	Total (including numbers given separately under (b)...	Nil
(i)	By the local authority	Nil
(ii)	By other local authorities...	Nil
(iii)	By other bodies or persons	Nil
(b)	With State assistance under the Housing Acts:	
(i)	By the local authority (included under (a) (i) above)	Nil
(ii)	By other bodies or persons (included under (a) (iii) above	Nil

1. Inspection Of Dwelling-Houses During The Year:

(1)	(a) Total number of Dwelling-Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	69
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	309
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations. 1925 and 1932.	49
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	240
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	Nil

2. Remedy Of Defects During The Year Without Service Of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 49

3. Action Under Statutory Powers During the Year:—

(a) Proceedings Under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices:—	Nil

(a) By Owners ... ... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil

(b) Proceedings Under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 20

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By Owners 16

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil

(c) Proceedings Under Sections 11 & 13 of The Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders . ... Nil

(d) Proceedings Under Section 12 of The Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil

Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV.—Overcrowding:—

(a) (i) Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year ... ... Nil

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein .. ... Nil

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... ... Nil

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year .. .. Nil

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ... Nil

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil

No survey of overcrowding has been made since 1937. Apart from increase in population, due to reception of evacuees, the position as regards overcrowding is not worse than at the last survey, but will be worse on the return, after demobilisation, of those now on War Service.

Housing Conditions.

1 General Observations As To Housing Conditions :

459 Cottage type and 286 Parlour type built in rows mostly about the year 1880, good standard for that period and generally sound.

161 Detached and Semi-detached, modern good standard and generally sound.

There are no serious defects in any of the properties which would demand service of demolition notice.

There are no back-to-back houses.

2 Fitness Of Houses.

There is no insanitary property in the area.

3 Unhealthy Areas.

No part of the area is scheduled as unhealthy.

4 Byelaws.

The existing byelaws appear to be adequate and no difficulty has presented itself.

5 The housing administration appears to be generally satisfactory.

Nuisances.

Defective Ashpits	44
Defective Drains and Sinks	6
Defective Water Closets	5
General Defects	10
Defective Roofs and Walls	4
Total...	69

309 visits have been paid inspecting nuisances and work in progress.

Water Supply.

The water is obtained from the Carnforth Water Company's Reservoir, situate at Whithets, capacity 70,000,000 gallons. The supply is constant.

The nature of the gathering ground is partly of a peaty and partly of a sandstone nature and therefore is good for domestic purposes.

Owing to the position of the gathering ground the water is liable to animal pollution.

The Water Company have provided an effective and modern chlorination and filtration plant.

Samples for chemical and bacteriological analyses are taken regularly. The Reports have been consistently good.

During the year the Water Company have provided a booster plant in one part of the district. Therefore the pressure is considerably improved.

In addition to the above reservoir, the Water Company obtain a supply of 2,400,000 gallons per year, from the Manchester Corporation Mains. The outlying farms and cottages are dependant upon springs and wells.

No. of houses using Water Company's supply	888
No. of houses using Rain and Wells water ...	18

(*Signed*), JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.